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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM MAY 8 FROM UNITED MINE WORKERS PRESIDENT ARNOLD MILLER REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR UMW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS KARL DAFTON AND JOHN DELANY, WHO ARE ATTENDING CONSULTATIVE MEETING HERE MAY 13 TO 18 IN PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL MINE SAFETY CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW OCTOBER 1974. EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER MET WITH KAFTON MAY 15 (DELANY IS CANADIAN). KAFTON SAID UMW HAD DECIDED TO EMBARK ON EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS AS RESULT OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT HERE, DESPITE AFL-CIO POLICY ON MATTER. HE SAID SOVIET TRADE UNION OFFICIALS HAD BEEN EXTREMELY HOSPITABLE AND HAD SO FAR NOT INJECTED POLITICS INTO PROCEEDINGS. ACCORDING TO KAFTON, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PRESIDENT MILLER WILL ATTEND OCTOBER MEETING, ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON CONTRACTS EXPIRING IN NOVEMBER MIGHT STAND IN WAY.

2. TRUD MAY 16 PRINTS BRIEF REPORT ON CONSULTATIVE MEETING, LISTING U.S. AS ONE OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED. SAME DAY'S PRAVDA, HOWEVER, CARRIES LONG ARTICLE BY A. TOLKUNOV ENTITLED "AGAINST THE CURRENT: AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS AND DETENTE." ARTICLE CONTAINS SHARP ATTACK ON GEORGE MEANY AND AFL-CIO LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR "REACTIONARY, ANTI-SOVIET VIEWS AND UNDEMOCRATIC, DEMAGOGIC APPROACH, "BUT PICTURES "MEANY & CO." AS BEING

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INVOLVED IN LOSING, UPHILL STRUGGLE AGAINST OTHER U.S. LABOR

LEADERS, SUCH AS ARNOLD MILLER, UAW'S IRVING BLUESTONE,
UMW'S MICHAEL TRBOVICH, AND ELECTRICIANS UNION'S A.
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